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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS POSITIVE US DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS RE
SYRIAN DISENGAGEMENT

1. FRONT PAGES OF AKHBAR AND AHAM MARCH 13 REMARKABLE FOR POSITIVE EMPHASIS ON US PEACE-KEEPING EFFORTS. AHAM LEADS WITH STORY THAT TRIPOLI CONFERENCE "CERTAIN" TO LIFT EMBARGO, AND AKHBAR BANNERS: "NEW CONTACTS CONCERNING DISENGAGEMENT: LONDON SAYS US EXERTING MORE PRESSURE ON ISRAEL FOR DISENGAGEMENT ON SYRIAN FRONT; KISSINGER ANNOUNCES US STRATEGY SINCE OCTOBER WAR HAS BEEN TO SOLVE ME PROBLEM." LEAD ARTICLE BEGINS "DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS BETWEEN CAIRO AND WASHINGTON TO FOLLOW UP SYRIAN DISENGAGEMENT TALKS." FM FAHMY RECEIVED US AMBASSADOR YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WITHIN SCOPE OF THESE CONTACTS. UNDERSECRETARY SISCO DECLARED THERE IS HOPE FOR SUCCESS OF AMERICA'S "STEP BY STEP" ROLE. HE SAID EGYPTIAN DISENGAGEMENT HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT WITH GOOD WILL ON BOTH SIDES AND HAD REDUCED PROBABILITY OF RENEWED CLASHES ON THAT FRONT. NEXT STEP IS ACHIEVEMENT OF SOMETHING SIMILAR

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ON SYRIAN FRONT. SISCO ANNOUNCED SARG WILL SEND REPRESENT-

TATIVE TO WASHINGTON IN NEXT TWO WEEKS AND GOI WILL DO SAME.
THIS BEGINNING IS SIGNIFICANT, AND EXPRESSES DESIRE TO ACHIEVE
GOALS WHICH SEEM CONTRADICTORY. SYRIAN DELEGATE WILL ARRIVE
AFTER ISRAELI DELEGATE.

2. AKHBAR REPORTS FROM LONDON THAT US IS EXERTING PRESSURE
ON ISRAEL RE GOI CONDITIONS FOR SYRIAN DISENGAGEMENT. EBAN
IS CARRYING NEW PROPOSALS TO WASHINGTON. PRESIDENT NIXON AND
SECRETARY KISSINGER WANT TALKS TO SUCCEED BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE
LIFTING OF OIL EMBARGO DEPENDS ON THEM.
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